

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 1-27 have been presented for examination in this application.

Claims 1-20, 22 and 24 have been canceled.

Claims 21,23 and 25-27 remain pending.

Claim 21,23 and 25-27 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The primary reasons for allowance of claim 21 in the instant application is the combination of the claim as recited, and with the inclusion of the limitations of "...wherein the first storage system is coupled to the second storage system via a storage area network (SAN) and communicates therewith according to a block input/output (I/O) interface, wherein the first storage system is coupled to the computer via a local area network (LAN) and communicates therewith according to a file I/O interface, wherein each of the first storage device and the second storage device configures a plurality of logical volumes, wherein the second storage system is of a type different from the first storage system, and when a request to access the second file system is received from the computer, the first controller converts the request into a command for a logical volume of the second storage device, and the second controller sends the command to the second storage system, via the third controller, ... a logical volume identifier that identifies each of the plurality of logical volumes, wherein each of the plurality of logical volumes stores only files that were created on a same date; a Write Once Read Many (WORM) identifier that provides a WORM attribute indicating whether

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a write only once and a read many times operation is permitted for each of the plurality of logical volumes..”

The remaining dependent claims, not specifically mentioned, are allowed for the same rationale as the independent claim(s) being based from.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc T. Doan whose telephone number is 571-272-4171. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on 571-272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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